



# Sahuaro Weekly Update

*"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."*



**Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona**

**April 20, 2012**



### **Vice Mayor Frate Discusses Online Services**

Looking for an easier way to manage your city services? Join us as Vice Mayor Steve Frate and his guests, Diana Bundschuh, deputy chief information technology officer and Ginger Eiden, web content manager for the city of Glendale, discuss how you can pay your water bill, register for parks and recreation classes, receive alerts about city news and events and more – all online!

[Click here](#) to watch online or check the Glendale 11 TV guide.

### **Take a trip back in time to 1895!**

Free Tours of Historic Amenities at Sahuaro Ranch Park are offered on an ongoing basis. Explore the Main House and see all the interesting and educational items on display as well as learn how they lived in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

This tour is available Wednesdays through Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sundays, from 1 to 4 p.m., through May 31. For more information, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/SRPHA](http://www.glendaleaz.com/SRPHA).

**Boards & Commissions.** Congratulations and many thanks to all the Glendale residents who have recently been appointed to serve on advisory boards and commissions.

Glendale's boards and commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact the community. These volunteer citizen advisory groups research, study and discuss specific Glendale projects and issues and then forward their recommendations to the City Council. Board and commission members must reside in Glendale.

Residents can request an application to serve on a citizen advisory group or obtain more information by calling the Council Office at 623-930-2249 or visiting [www.glendaleaz.com/boardsandcommissions](http://www.glendaleaz.com/boardsandcommissions).

**City of Glendale Budget Meetings.** The city of Glendale conducted seven public budget meetings prior to the scheduled April 23 budget workshop.

The April 23 budget workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Glendale City Hall in the Council Chambers. Free parking is available in the city hall parking garage. The meeting will be broadcast live on Glendale 11 TV and live online at [www.glendaleaz.com/Glendale11](http://www.glendaleaz.com/Glendale11). All council meetings are archived on the city website for viewing 24/7 at [www.glendaleaz.com/video](http://www.glendaleaz.com/video). Budget documents are posted on the city's website at [www.glendaleaz.com/budget](http://www.glendaleaz.com/budget).

**Important Notice!** Please [click here](#) for information on potential sales tax, property tax and business fee increases.



**Annual GO Transportation Program Open House - April 25.** Glendale Onboard (GO) Transportation Program is a voter-approved initiative to fund street, transit, bicycle and safety education programs in the City of Glendale. Public input is important to the GO Program decision-making process.

Please join us for the Annual Open House from 4:30 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 25 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750

W. Glenn Drive. The Glendale GO Transportation Open House is a great opportunity to learn more about how the GO Program is working for you. Drop by to view exhibits detailing planned and completed GO Program projects. City staff and transportation consultants will be on hand to answer questions. [Learn more](#)

# Around Town

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**Shred It and Forget It - April 21.** Bring old bills, medical records, bank statements and other documents with personal information to one of two free upcoming shredding events in Glendale on April 21, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. (or until the trucks are full). Events are at Cabela's, 9380 W. Glendale Ave. and the Dairy Queen Shopping Center at 6768 W. Deer Valley Road. For more information call 623-930-4044.

**Safely Dispose of Drugs - April 28.** The Glendale Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration are providing residents an opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical substances and other medications. Controlled, non-controlled and over the counter substances will be accepted. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 28 at two locations: WalMart at 18551 N. 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave. in the northwest parking lot and Waymark Gardens at 5325 W. Butler Dr. For more information call 623-930-4044.

**STAR Party.** Join the Saguaro Astronomy Club from 6-9 p.m., Saturday, April 28 for an evening of star gazing. Large and small telescopes will be available for viewing the moon, planets and stars. STAR Party will be held at Thunderbird Conservation Park at the 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Patrick Lane Entrance. Club members will be available to answer your questions. For more information, call 623-930-2652.

**A Day at Manistee Ranch.** The Glendale Civic Pride Ambassador Foundation, with the volunteer assistance of the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors, will host "A Day at Manistee Ranch," an old-fashioned day of family fun on April 28, 2012, as a fundraiser for the Glendale, Arizona Historical Society. This event has something to appeal to guests of all ages! Country singers, an antique car show, vintage tractors, children's games, and a petting zoo will add to the fun on the grounds of Manistee Ranch. In addition, self-guided tours of the Ranch House and raffle drawings will be held. There will also be appearances by staff from the World Wildlife Zoo and Fallen Feathers Bird Rescue.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Manistee Ranch located at 5127 W. Northern Ave. Admission is \$5 per individual or \$10 per family. Parking is free, with entrance off of 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

**New Tree Trail Dedication April 28.** Just in time for Arbor Day, Glendale's Conservation & Sustainable Living program will debut its new addition to the Glendale Xeriscape Garden, the Tree Trail on April 28 at 9 a.m. This project, funded by a grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, features a renovated 10,000-square foot area of the garden, with a focus on small- and medium-sized trees better suited for most residential applications, where sites are typically more compact. Residents are encouraged to come and visit this new amenity outside the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Free trees for the first 100 Glendale residents to RSVP at 623-930-3760.

**The Glendale Summer Band.** Glendale's favorite summer tradition is back for its 46th season beginning June 7 in downtown Glendale. Produced by Glendale's Office of Special Events, the eight-week concert series takes place each Thursday at 8 p.m. June 7 through July 26, in the Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive. Music lovers of all ages will be entertained by this community band of approximately 100 musicians with its renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes.

The Glendale Summer Band, conducted by John Faris, is the longest-running community band in Arizona. The ages of the volunteer band members span several generations. The band was formed in 1966, originally playing at O'Neil Park, and moving to Murphy Park when the amphitheater was built.

These free concerts are the perfect night out for the entire family! Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Food, snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase at the concerts.

The series will feature a special Patriotic performance on June 28 in celebration of Independence Day. The Glendale Summer Band concert series is sponsored by Glendale Civic Pride. For more information, call the Glendale's Special Events hotline at 623-930-2299, or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/events](http://www.glendaleaz.com/events).

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